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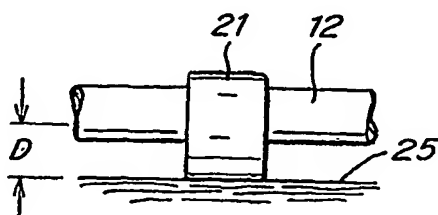
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(57) Abstract: Methods and apparatus for tissue ablation procedures are disclosed. An ablation electrode may be disposed on a catheter shaft, the ablation electrode having a width in cross-section that is larger than a cross-sectional width of the shaft to space the shaft from a tissue surface. The electrode may be eccentrically shaped or eccentrically mounted on a catheter shaft. Changing the orientation of the electrode may change the distance between the shaft and the tissue surface. An ablation electrode may be spaced at a distance from the tissue surface and configured to have the distance be adjustable. An ablation electrode with more mass and/or surface area on one side of the shaft also may be provided.



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